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in a Network
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 4, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

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